

**RAIL SERVICE COMPETITION COUNCIL  
AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Monday, November 3, 2008**

**Conference Call**

**10:00am**

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**RSCC AG SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carla Allen (Chair), Mike O'Hara (Chair of RSCC), and Sen. Ken Hansen

**RSCC AG SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**  
Rep. Mike Milburn, Frank Schoonover, Joel Clairmont and Rep. Mike Jopek

**RSCC Assistance:** Terry Whiteside and Gloria O'Rourke

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The RSCC Ag Subcommittee adjusted the Agricultural Products Shipping portion of the RSCC Strategic Plan as follows:

**Agricultural Products Shipping**

**Goal 3: Enhance access for agricultural commodities shippers to rail service Montana's agricultural products competitive both nationally and internationally.**

Objectives:	Action Items:	Responsible Parties	Estimated Costs:	Projected Deadlines:
3.1 Improve access to affordable rail service for Montana's agriculture producers in turn improving market access for agricultural products both nationally and internationally.	3.1.1 Investigate new partnerships and ways to increase and improve access to UP, CP and Montana shortlines.  3.1.2 Increase and improve competitive access to Montana shortlines.  3.1.3 Investigate ways to develop and/or redevelop loading facilities for agriculture products across Montana.	All Shortlines  Buyers and shippers of potential products  Pulse crop growers association  Montana Wheat and Barley Committee  Montana Ag Coalition: Farmers Bureau, MGGA, WIFE, Montana Farm et al.  UP, CP		

3.2 Improve access to intermodal rail service for Montana's specialized agriculture producers in turn making agriculture products more competitive nationwide.	<p>3.2.1 Develop partnership between shortlines and Class 1 carriers to improve and expand intermodal access.</p> <p>3.2.2 Explore successful models for expanding intermodal access in other states.</p> <p>3.2.3 Explore the issue of haulage rights as it has been successful addressed in other state models.</p> <p>3.2.4 Consider establishing a state rail authority to work with both rail service providers and consumers.</p> <p>3.2.5 Revisit the issue of "Common Carrier Obligations" presently being reviewed by Congress.</p>	<p>3.2.2 – MDT 3.2.3 – MDT 3.2.4 – MDT</p> <p>3.2.4 – Carla, Evan, Larry, Russ and Jim Lynch (MDT)</p> <p>3.2.5 Terry Whiteside</p>		